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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/058,367	Applicant(s) DALLAS ET AL.	
	Examiner Brian M. Healy	Art Unit 2874	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 17-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. None of the references of record teaches or suggests forming a convex surface on an end of the optical fiber to be drawn through a hole, as in claim 15. and having the forming step including cleaving the end of the fiber and heating the end to form the convex surface, as in claim 16.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-5,8-13,17-19 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bruns, U.S.P. No.6,487,359.

Bruns 359' teaches (Figs.1-3) a method and apparatus for attaching one or more optical fibers to a retaining device comprising: one or more stripped optical fibers 108 which are advanced through capillary like holes 104 in a multi-fiber array substrate which also forms a fiber retaining device 126,122 using differential pressure 124 of a compressible fluid, i.e. air/vacuum so that differential pressure is formed between the entrance and exit of the capillary-like holes so that the optical fibers are forced through the holes, which clearly, fully meets Applicant's claimed limitations.

Claims 1-8,14 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jenkins, European Patent Application No.0691557.

Jenkins 557' teaches (Figs.1-2) a method for attaching one or more optical fibers to a retaining device comprising: having a fiber conduit 11 which applies differential pressure in the form of compressible air or some other incompressible fluid medium, i.e. water, which uses at least one optical fiber P which is forced through a conically shaped hole in a fiber retaining device 12,12a that includes a capillary tube section so that the fiber is forced through the hole using differential pressure, which clearly, fully meets Applicant's claimed limitations.

A copy of PTO-1449 is included in this office action.

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The following references are also cited by the Examiner as being pertinent prior art: Bergqvist et. al., U.S.P. No.6,694,085 (Figs.1-4), Jenkins et. al., U.S.P. No.5,092,161 (Figs.1-7) and Serrander et. al., U.S.P. No.6,614,962 (Figs.1-4).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian M. Healy whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed work week Tues-Thurs 7:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernik can be reached on (571)272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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